

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
VALDOSTA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 7:16-CR-27-001 (HL)

**JOHN ROBERT REGISTER, JR.**

**ORDER ON MOTION FOR REDUCTION IN SENTENCE UNDER 18 U.S.C. §  
3582(c)(1)(A) – COMPASSIONATE RELEASE**

Upon motion of ☒ the defendant ☐ the Director of the Bureau of Prisons for a reduction in sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A), and after considering the applicable factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and the applicable policy statements issued by the Sentencing Commission to the extent they are relevant to whether a reduction is warranted (and, if so, the amount of the reduction),

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is:

☐ GRANTED

☐ The defendant's previously imposed sentence of imprisonment of \_\_\_\_\_ is reduced to \_\_\_\_\_. If this sentence is less than the amount of time the defendant already served, the sentence is reduced to a time served; or

☐ Time served:

If the defendant's sentence is reduced to time served:

☐ This order is stayed for up to fourteen days, for the verification of the defendant's residence and/or establishment of a release plan, to make appropriate travel arrangements, and to ensure the defendant's safe release. The defendant shall be released as soon as a residence is verified, a release plan is established, appropriate travel arrangements are made, and it is safe for the defendant to travel. There shall be no delay in ensuring travel arrangements are made. If more than fourteen days are needed to make appropriate travel arrangements and ensure the defendant's safe release, the parties shall immediately notify the court and show cause why the stay should be extended; or

☐ There being a verified residence and an appropriate release plan in place, this order is stayed for up to fourteen days to make appropriate travel arrangements and to ensure the defendant's safe release. The defendant shall be released as soon as appropriate travel arrangements are made, and it is safe for the defendant to travel. There shall be no delay in ensuring travel arrangements are made. If more than fourteen days are needed to make appropriate travel arrangements and ensure the defendant's safe release, then the parties shall immediately notify the court and show cause why the stay should be extended.

☐ The defendant must provide the complete address where the defendant will reside upon release to the probation office in the district where they will be released because it was not included in the motion for sentence reduction.

☐ Under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A), the defendant is ordered to serve a “special term” of ☐ probation or ☐ supervised release of 60 months (not to exceed the unserved portion of the original term of imprisonment).

☐ The defendant’s previously imposed conditions of supervised release apply to the “special term” of supervision; or

☐ The conditions of the “special term” of supervision are as follows:

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☐ The defendant’s previously imposed conditions of supervised release are unchanged.

☐ The defendant’s previously imposed conditions of supervised release are modified as follows:

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☐ DEFERRED pending supplemental briefing and/or a hearing. The court DIRECTS the United States Attorney to file a response on or before \_\_\_\_\_, along with all Bureau of Prisons records [medical, institutional, administrative] relevant to this motion.

✓ DENIED after complete review of the motion on the merits.

✓ FACTORS CONSIDERED (Optional)

Federal prisoner, John Robert Register Jr., has moved the Court for “compassionate release” pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A). For the following reasons, the motion is **DENIED**.

The First Step Act of 2018 authorized prisoners to move directly for a sentence reduction in District Court. Before the Act, “compassionate release” was available only upon a motion from the Director of the Bureau of Prisons. The amended statute provides that once a movant has established that he has fully exhausted his administrative rights, a court may reduce a term of imprisonment if, after considering the § 3553(a) factors, it finds that compelling and extraordinary reasons warrant a reduction and that a reduction is consistent with the “applicable”

policy statements. 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1). The policy statements and accompanying application notes provide guidance on the grounds for compassionate release. USSG § 1B1.13.

After careful and complete review of the motions and supporting information submitted by the defendant, the applicable factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and considering policy statements found at USSG § 1B1.13 this motion is **DENIED**.

. According to USSG §1B1.13, only certain circumstances qualify as extraordinary and compelling reasons. The reasons noted by the defendant in his motions were considered in this case.

Additionally, considering 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), specifically the nature and circumstances of the offense of conviction and the history and characteristics of the defendant, the Court finds that compassionate release is not warranted.

The Court has considered the defendant's motions and finds his motions have failed to show extraordinary or compelling reasons. Accordingly, his motions are **DENIED**.

☐ **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** because the defendant has neither exhausted all administrative remedies as required in 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A); nor have 30 days lapsed since receipt of the defendant's request by the Warden of the defendant's facility.

So ordered this 15 day of December, 2023.



s/Hugh Lawson

HUGH LAWSON

SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE